

## California Department of Parks and Recreation



### California State Parks Guidelines for Marine Protected Area Planning

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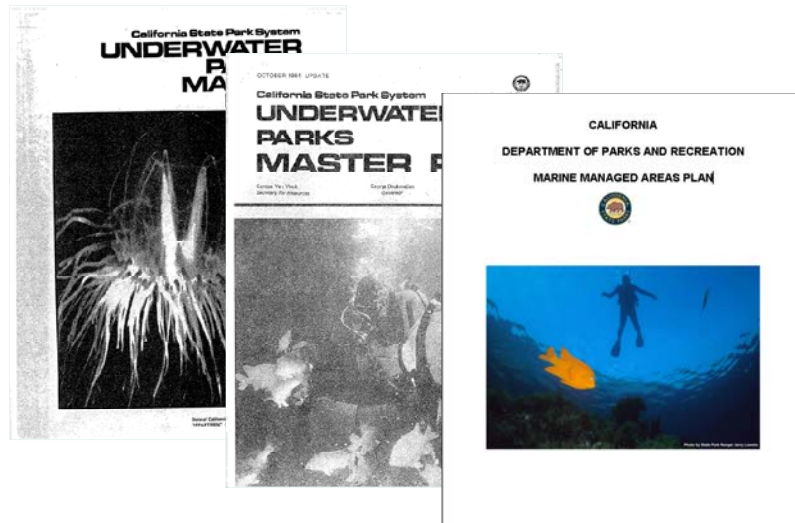
## Department Mission Statement



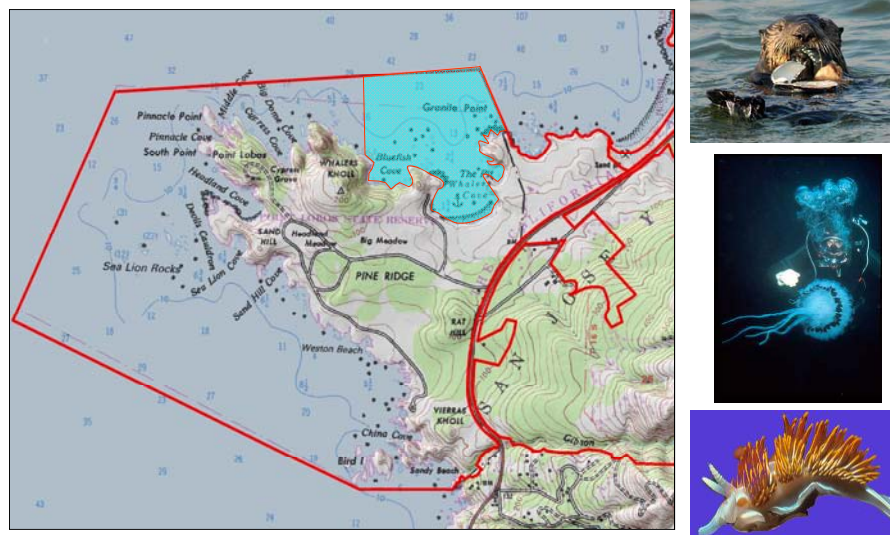
***To provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.***



## State Parks Planning Efforts: 1960 - Present



## Management of Marine Managed Areas



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## Cultural and Educational Resources



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## Common Goals with MLPA

- (1) To **protect the natural diversity** and abundance of marine life, and the **structure, function, and integrity of marine ecosystems**.
- (2) To help sustain, conserve, and **protect marine life populations**, including those of economic value, and rebuild those that are depleted.
- (3) **To improve recreational, educational, and study opportunities** provided by marine ecosystems that are subject to minimal human disturbance, and to **manage these uses in a manner consistent with protecting biodiversity**.
- (4) To **protect marine natural heritage**, including protection of **representative and unique marine life habitats** in California waters for their **intrinsic value**.
- (5) To ensure that California's MPAs have clearly defined objectives, **effective management measures**, and **adequate enforcement**, and are based on sound scientific guidelines.
- (6) To ensure that the state's MPAs are **designed and managed**, to the extent possible, **as a network**.

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# Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act

MPA








Marine Managed Area	FGC	PRC	SWRCB
State Marine Reserve			
State Marine Conservation Area			
State Marine Park			
State Marine Recreational Managed Area	 *		
State Marine Cultural Preservation Area			
State Water Quality Protection Area** (e.g.- ASBS)			 or 

\* SMRMA designated for the purpose of hunting

\*\* Designated by the SWRCB may request either agency to take appropriate management action  
MMAIA, Public Resources Code §36725

FGC = California Fish and Game Commission

PRC = State Park and Recreation Commission

State Parks Guidelines	
	Provide opportunities for the public to visit, experience, and learn about California's exceptional marine resources.
	Help protect representative examples of marine habitats and species across biogeographical regions.
	Provide special protection for intertidal species and habitats.
	Provide important venues for special marine interpretation and education programs, such as the State Parks PORTS program.
	Facilitate law enforcement needed to protect and perpetuate important natural and cultural resource values.
	Marine protected area (MPA) proposals should have clear management goals and objectives
	Align designation and regulations with the goals and objectives of the individual park unit

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Existing State Parks Underwater Leases



Van Damme SMCA



Russian Gulch SMCA



MacKerricher SMCA

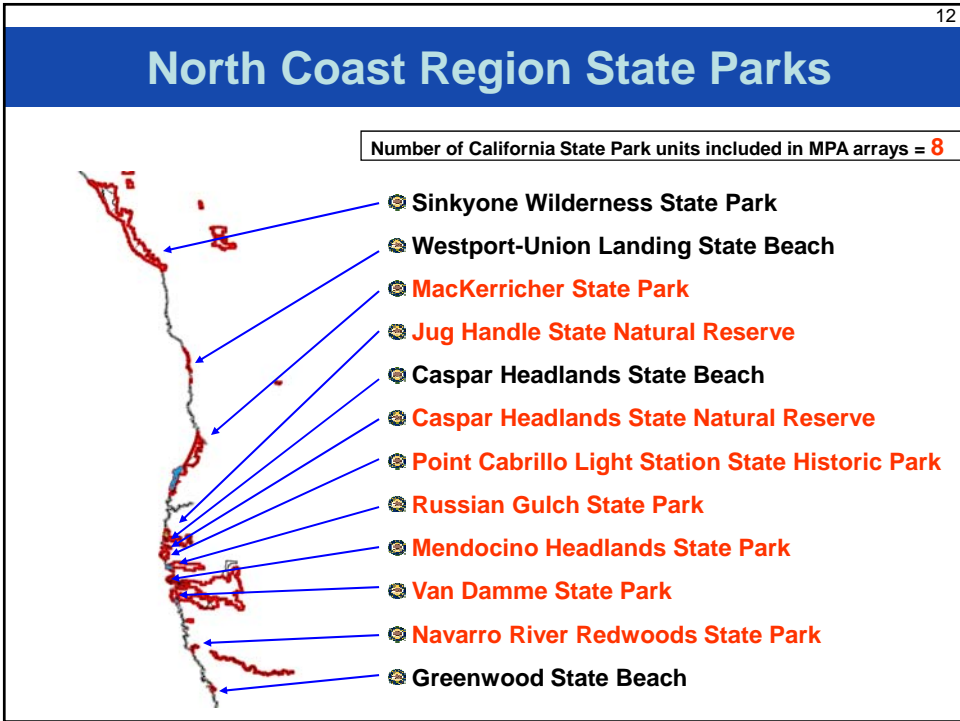
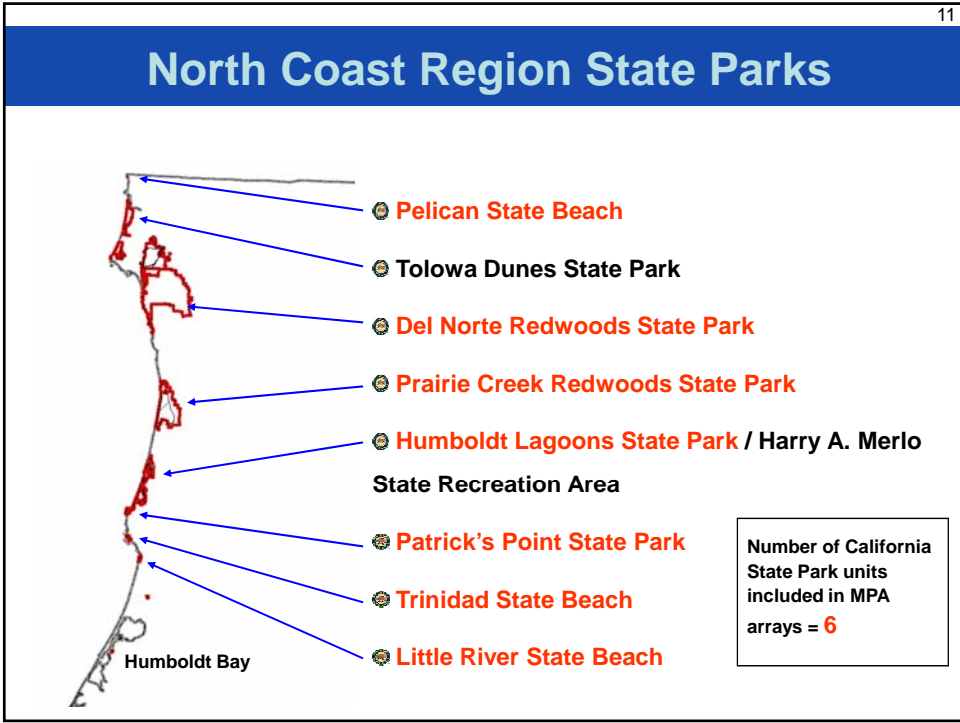
SMCA = state marine conservation area

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State Parks Evaluation of Round 1 MPAs







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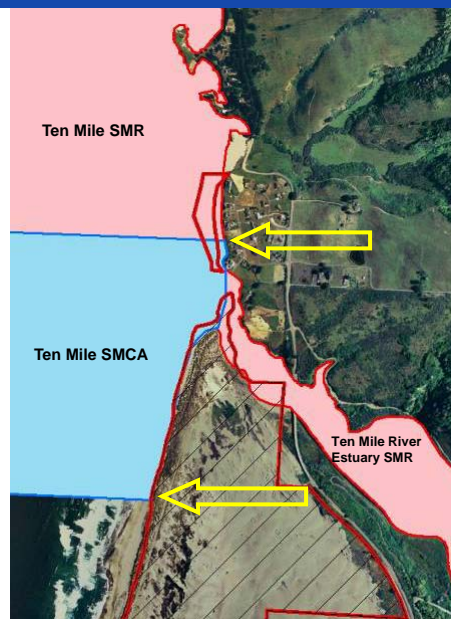
## Examples of State Parks Concerns

### • Boundary Issues

Example: Ten Mile River / MacKerricher State Park

Take advantage of landmarks to help orient enforcement officers and prevent public confusion about regulations.

All arrays need boundary corrections.



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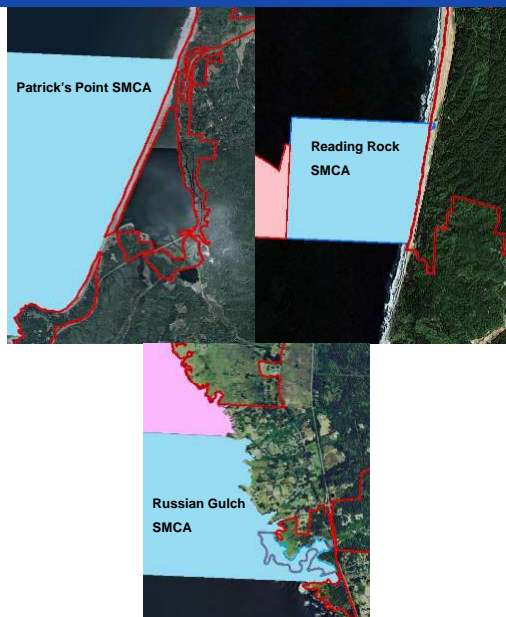
### • Terrestrial Land Management and Uses

Example: Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, Humboldt Lagoons State Park, and Patrick's Point State Park (Array D)

These parks have popular access points for shore anglers.

Point Cabrillo / Russian Gulch: (Array E)

SMCAs or state marine parks connected to reserves can "increase recreational opportunities."



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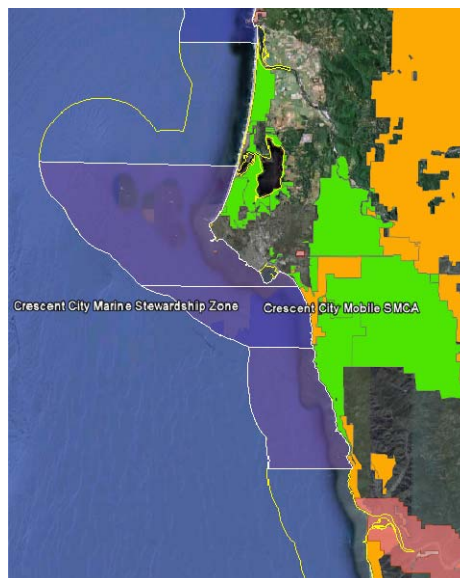
## Examples of State Parks Concerns

- Stewardship Zones
- Enforcement feasibility
- Not an MPA

Example: Array A

MLPA § 2852 (c): “Marine protected area” means a ...discrete geographic marine area.

MMAIA § 36602 (d): “does not include... geographic [fishing] closures...”



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## Examples of State Parks Concerns

- State Marine Parks off State Parks Property

Example: Arrays C & D

Need to know plan for management, since it is not part of a California State Parks unit.





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## Summary

- Have clearly stated goals and objectives
- Take into account park unit purpose and public use patterns
- Facilitate enforcement with recognizable boundaries
- When appropriate take into account existing California State Parks education and outreach opportunities

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